

### HC questions legality of tuition fees at pvt schools

FROM STIPEND HOLDERS  
The High Court yesterday questioned the legality of collecting monthly tuition fees by private schools from stipend-recipients. The court issued a rule upon the authorities concerned to explain in two weeks as to why they should not be directed to take appropriate legal action against the schools taking monthly tuition fees from such students. The education secretary, director general of the Department of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education, chairman of Dhaka education board, district education officer of Dhaka and thana education officers concerned have been made respondents to the rule. The HC passed the rule on a suomoto (of its own) move following an August 3 report of the daily Ittefaq.



**Khadiza Begum, whose blood-stained face is blurred as per the newspaper's policy, at Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital yesterday, as the Sylhet Women's College student was hacked with a machete at the Murari Chand College centre after attending her last BA (pass) examination. The attacker, Badrul Islam, a fourth year student of the Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, inset, who was given a beating by a mob right after the incident, also being treated there. The reason behind the attack could not be known immediately.** PHOTOS: SHEIKH NASIR

### CCC executive engr suspended over graft charge

ACC arrests 2 others  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday arrested a computer operator of Road and Highways' executive engineer's office in Brahmanbaria allegedly for misappropriating Tk 5.5 crore through forging cheques. In Noakhali, ACC arrested Chairman of Chhatarpaia Union Parishad Abdur Rahman in a case filed with Sudharam Police Station for amassing wealth worth Tk 38.24 lakh from unknown sources and concealing information of Tk 3.43 lakh. Meanwhile, the Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) authorities suspended its acting executive engineer Saifur Rahman who was arrested on Sunday by ACC for illegally amassing wealth worth Tk 33.93 lakh.

## Smart NID card breeds excitement

ABDULLAH AL NAYEEM  
Sonia Akhter was over the moon the moment she got the smart NID card for the first time in life. "I was very excited thinking of getting the card for the first time and finally I've got it. I'm a voter now," said the elated 20-year-old student of Begum Badrunnesa Government Girls' College. Sonia, a resident of Kakrail, was one of those who turned up to the NID Card Distribution Centre set up at Siddheshwari Girls' College in the capital yesterday as the Election Commission started distributing the cards for the residents of Dhaka at two centres. The other centre was set up at Uttara High School and College. Outside Dhaka, the cards were distributed only in Kurigram. Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad inaugurated the distribution of the cards at Dhashiarchhara centre in Phulbari upazila in Kurigram and gave cards to 20 people of the former enclave Dashiarchhara, reports our Kurigram correspondent. The smart cards will be given to all voters in phases. Currently, there are over 10 crore voters in Bangladesh. Of them, nine crore will get smart NID cards by December 2017 under the ongoing project. For the rest, a new project will be launched by this time, said EC officials. The Daily Star correspondent visited one of the centres and found a mixed picture of the distribution process. Although many voters like Sonia expressed satisfaction over the process, some complained of complications in the fingerprint scanning.



In Siddheshwari Girls College centre, people started gathering since 9:00am. A long queue was seen in the morning, but the crowd started to thin out after lunch. The citizens had to provide fingerprints and iris impressions for getting the cards. The distribution went on till 4:00pm. Fatema-tuz-Johura, a master student of North South University, who came to the centre with an old NID card, had to try for a long time to scan her fingerprints. "I had to come here twice to give my fingerprints as it did not match first time," she said, adding that the officials gave her the card after getting her four fingerprints matched second time. "I am very happy that I finally got my card," she said. Talking to The Daily Star about the complexity of the fingerprint scanning, SM Rokibuzzaman Neon, a technical expert of EC, said it occurred when someone did not have a clear fingerprint to read.

"Sweating, skin disease and some work habit, like chopping, may make the fingerprint unclear," he said. "We are using more improved and super-fast scanners to do the job." Some others, however, complained about the mismanagement in the centres. "The people are not following the queue properly. Things would have been better if they [the officials] managed the process more carefully," said Shushil Kumar Dutta, a businessman from Kakrail. About the fingerprint complexity, Sirajul Islam, secretary of Election Commission Secretariat, told this newspaper that such a few technical problems might occur as it was machine dependent. Asked why some cards had been given without matching fingerprints completely, he replied, "Won't we give the cards if anyone's fingerprints don't match hundred percent?" "We want to deliver the cards to people. The cards will be given when we found a matching of a certain minimum level." He said alternative biometric samples, retina scan, were being collected in this phase to overcome such problems. Around 1,900 smart cards were provided in Dhaka, said EC officials. **KURIGRAM** Around 2,562 people in Phulbari upazila will get the smart card, reports our Kurigram Correspondent. Election Commissioner Mohammad Abu Hafiz said the smart card holders could vote in the upcoming Union Parishad elections scheduled for October 31 this year.

## SNAPS & snippets

### 2 Bangladeshis get Aga Khan Award

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Two Bangladeshis are going to receive "2016 Aga Khan Award for Architecture" for designing Bait Ur Rouf Mosque in Dhaka and Friendship Centre in Gaibandha. Marina Tabassum and Kashef Chowdhury for the community centre. The announcement came at a ceremony in Abu Dhabi yesterday, said a press release. Marina Tabassum won the award for the mosque and Kashef Chowdhury for the community centre.



### Cop suspended for seeking bribe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
A policeman was suspended yesterday following an allegation that he demanded Tk 200 when a person sought help in filing a general diary few days back. Abul Hashem is a constable of the capital's Rupnagar Police Station. The person claimed to have secretly videoed the incident. Syed Shahin Alam, OC of the police station, said they found him guilty in the footage.

### Death anniversary

CITY DESK  
Today is the eight death anniversary of journalist Muhammad Habibur Rahman Bhuiyan, said a press release. He had worked with different newspapers including The Daily Inqilab. A doa mahfil will be held in his Uttar Kamalapur residence after Maghrib prayers today.



### Pallabi doctor still traceless

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
A physician has been missing for five days after miscreants allegedly abducted him from the capital's Pallabi Thursday noon. Quoting witnesses, police said physician Riad Naser Chowdhury of a private hospital, was picked up by three to four persons in a microbus from near Purabi Cinema Hall. Police said yesterday that they identified the microbus from a CCTV footage showing the miscreants forcefully picking him up in the vehicle. Police are yet to identify the criminals.



**Mirza Salman Ispahani, managing director of MM Ispahani Ltd, addressing a seminar titled "Tea Industry in Bangladesh: Prospects and Challenges", organised by the business school of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) in the capital yesterday. IUB Chairman Rashed Chowdhury and Vice Chancellor Prof M Omar Rahman were also present.** PHOTO: COLLECTED



**Tea sellers occupied the footpath by setting up stalls and rickshaw-van pullers a considerable portion of the road by parking their vans, impeding pedestrians' movement. The photo was taken in front of the Wasa pump in the capital's Fakirapool area yesterday.** PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

## Ensure housing for urban poor

Speakers tell Public Works Department seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Planning for implementation of all housing projects for the urban poor is an imminent need, speakers told a seminar Public Works Department (PWD) organised on its premises in the capital yesterday marking World Habitat Day 2016. Most people do not have access to the most minimum housing facilities and if a poor family gets a 300 square feet house, they will consider it to be a paradise, said Prof Nazrul Islam as the special guest. The government should keep five to 10 percent of land in its housing project plans for poor people, he added on the day, themed "Housing at the Centre". Housing and Public Works Minister Mosharruf Hossain said migration to cities, especially to the capital, was a major problem and it would have to be stopped. He said although day labourers in the rural areas get Tk 500 along with three meals for a day's work, they tend to come to the city seeking employment. He said the government was taking up different programmes, including providing civic facilities through different planned housing projects at upazila level, to stop migration. The government plans on setting up 100 economic zones around the country where employment facilities will be generated for around 2 crore people, he said. Low income people will be able to earn Tk 800 to Tk 900 daily in the areas and will not be interested in moving to cities, he said. Housing and Public Works Secretary Shahidullah Khandaker said the government has already taken up plans to construct low cost houses in Dhaka, Narayanganj and Sirajganj. National Housing Authority Chairman Khandaker Akhtaruzzaman said cultivable land was being destroyed every day due to the haphazard construction of houses, for which they were trying to implement planned housing projects at the upazila level. PWD Chief Engineer Hafizur Rahman Munshi and Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha Chairman M Bazlul Karim Chowdhury addressed the seminar.

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### Invitation for Tenders (IFT)

1	Ministry/division	Ministry of Science and Technology.		
2	Agency	Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Novotheatre.		
3	Procuring entity name	Director General.		
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.		
5	Invitation for	Supply of goods equipment.		
6	Invitation Ref No.	39.05.0000.004.26.024.15-850		
7	Date	01 October 2016.		
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>				
8	Procurement method	Open Tender Method (OTM).		
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>				
9	Budget and source of funds	GOB.		
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>				
10	Tender package No.	1 (one).		
11	Tender package name	Supply of Goods, Installation, Reaper and Maintenance of equipment.		
12	Tender publication date	04 October 2016	V	-
13	Tender last selling date	18 October 2016	V	-
		Date	Time	
14	Tender closing date and time	19 October 2016	V	12:00 noon
15	Tender opening date and time	19 October 2016	V	12:30pm
16	Name & address of the office(s)	Address		
		- Selling tender document (principal)	Accounts Department, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Novotheatre, Bijoy Sarani, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215.	
		- Receiving tender document	Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Novotheatre, Bijoy Sarani, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215.	
		- Opening tender document	Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Novotheatre, Bijoy Sarani, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215.	
17	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	As per tender document.		
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>				
18	Brief eligibility and qualification of tenderer	The tenderer may be from all countries of the world except Israel. The tenderer shall have the following capability Copy of valid trade license, copy of the VAT certificate and Tax certificate, bank solvency certificate, experience certificate if any.		
19	Brief description of goods	As per tender document.		
20	Brief description of related services	As per tender document.		
21	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tk 1000/- (one thousand) in cash (non-refundable).		
22	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)
	1	(one)	Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Novotheatre, Bijoy Sarani, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215	25,000/-
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>				
23	Name of official inviting tender	Abul Basher Md Zahurul Islam.		
24	Designation of official inviting tender	Director General.		
25	Address of official inviting tender	Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Novotheatre, Bijoy Sarani, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215.		
26	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel. No. 9138878, 9139577	Fax: +88-02-9130006	email: bsmrnovotheatre@yahoo.com
27	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.			

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